

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

IB
LightSquared
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Re: FCC File No. SAT-MOD-20101118-00239; IB Docket No. 11-109

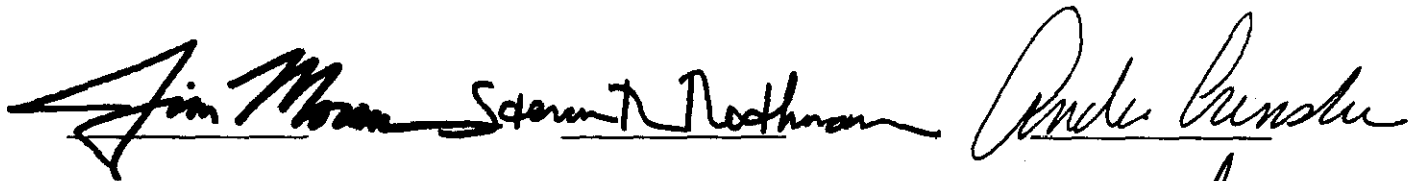

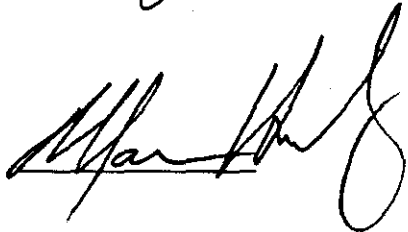
Dear Mr. Chairman:

We understand the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed decision to withdraw LightSquared's conditional license for creating a terrestrial broadband network given the possible implications to GPS services widely relied upon by civil and military applications. We continue to believe, however, that the FCC must work to advance current and future investments in our nation's technology infrastructure. The agency has a responsibility to pursue spectrum allocation policies and solutions which address the nation's urgent need for wireless broadband expansion.

As members of the House Appropriations Committee, we ask that the FCC conduct a thorough and thoughtful review of all available spectrum controlled by the Department of Defense (DoD) that could be repurposed or reallocated to meet increased demand. We believe identifying and freeing up available DoD spectrum promotes the efficient use of a valuable resource and reaffirms the FCC's commitment to move the U.S. closer to providing wireless broadband for all Americans.

We also request that the FCC move swiftly to identify other options, including the use of alternate spectrum, for LightSquared's proposed nationwide 4G LTE wireless broadband network. In the absence of a viable technical solution that would allow LightSquared to use its own licensed spectrum, we believe a spectrum swap is the most resourceful and efficient way to quickly expand broadband access nationwide.

Sincerely,

CC: The Honorable Leon Panetta, Secretary, US Department of Defense

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

August 13, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable James P. Moran
U.S. House of Representatives
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Moran:

Thank you for your letters urging that the Commission consider options that will allow LightSquared to offer its planned wireless broadband service, including authorizing use of alternative spectrum for this service. In one of your letters, you also ask the Commission to conduct a review of spectrum controlled by the Department of Defense (DOD) for potential commercial broadband use.

I am glad members of my staff were able to meet with your staff to discuss this matter in more detail. Your letters will be included in the record of the related proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review.

Commission staff has continued to meet with representatives of LightSquared, and is working with them through the complex issues of this proceeding. Currently, no petition is before the Commission regarding alternative spectrum for LightSquared. Should that change, the Commission will coordinate with NTIA as necessary, and consider any proposals carefully. The Commission also is working closely with NTIA to identify additional Federal spectrum – including spectrum used by DOD – for reallocation or for sharing with commercial users. Several bands being examined could be promising resources to address the spectrum crunch and enable the continued acceleration of the mobile broadband economy that is driving economic growth, investment, and valuable new services for consumers and businesses.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Steven R. Rothman
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rothman:

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Maurice D. Hinchey
U.S. House of Representatives
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hinchey:

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
U.S. House of Representatives
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Crenshaw:

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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The Honorable Rodney Alexander
U.S. House of Representatives
316 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Alexander:

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